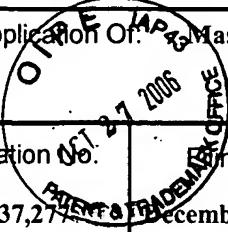


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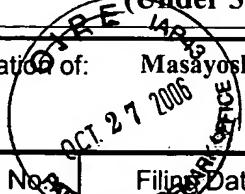
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1. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 11-252695, dated September 17, 1999, together with English-language Abstract;
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3. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2000-054274, dated February 22, 2000, together with English-language Abstract.

The references were cited in an Office Action dated September 5, 2006 received from the Japanese Patent Office. Applicants are submitting a copy of the above-cited references together with a copy of the Office Action. The relevance of the references is described in the Official Action.

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